(*b*) if so, where; and

(*c*) whether considerable difficulty is being experienced by the people while talking over the phone as the stations is constructed on the road-side without any protection from the sun and rain

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) At Kallar in a Pillar box erected on the road side.

(*c*) No complaints have so far been received.

Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe : ഈ പില്ലർ ബാക്സ് ഷെഡില്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ട് അസൗകര്യം ഉണ്ടെന്നു ഗവൺമെന്റിനെ അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : That is only an experimental station and we are watching the results.

Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe: അവിടെ അനവധി ഏലത്തോട്ടക്കാരുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടു അനവധി കാലം ഉണ്ടാകും എന്നും ഇപ്പോൾ അവിടെ ഷെഡില്ലാത്തതു കൊണ്ടാണു കാലം കുറവായിരിക്കുന്നതെന്നും ബോധ്യമായിട്ടുണ്ടോ.

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : That is not evident. My answer is that no complaints have been received so far.

Electrical Department and planting of posts.

28. ***Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe** . Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Electrical Department planted posts at Kothamangalam in connection with the supply of electric energy to that place and whether they removed them from certain places after a few days ; and

(*b*) whether after the setting up of posts in those places the public of the locality fitted up the necessary bulbs etc. for using electric current and that owing to the non-distribution of energy they are put to much inconvenience at present ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : (*a*) Yes. A few posts were erected by mistake and these were dismantled when the mistake was discovered,

(*b*) Four persons applied for service connections to their premises and they were informed that the lines would be extended to the locality on receipt of sanction to the estimate. A second representation was received from these persons and as the estimate for the extension of these lines has since been received sanctioned, arrangements are in progress to connect up their premises.

Electric energy for pumping water.

29. * **Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the localities to which electric energy is supplied by the Electrical Department for pumping water for cultivation ;

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[Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe.]

(*b*) whether electric energy is being supplied to those places at present ; and

(*c*) if not the reason therefor ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon: (*a*) Some of the punja fields in the Vembanad Reclamation with a total area of 4310 acres, about 85 acres of punja fields in Kaviyoor, 68 acres in Kuthiathodu and 12 acres in Kottapuram.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The pumping is only seasonal and the supply depends on demand from the cultivators.

Taluks to which Electric energy is distributed from the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme.

30. ***Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the taluks in Travancore to which electric energy is distributed from the Pallivasal Hydro-electric scheme :

(*b*) the places in Travancore supplied with electric energy for agricultural and industrial purposes ; and

(*c*) the rate per unit by which electric energy is supplied for agricultural, industrial and lighting purposes ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon: (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*). A *statement furnishing the information required is laid on the table.

Charges for talking over the telephone.

31. ***Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the rate of charges for talking over the telephone (trunk line) has been raised from what it was at the time of its inception :

(*b*) if so, the reasonss for such enhancement ;

(*c*) whether they will lay on the table a statement showing the collection on account of charges realised from each of the public call offices in Travancore after the inauguration of the telephone system ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of reply to part (*a*).

(*c*) The †statement is laid on the table.

Tax collected from the Kanthalloor and Keezhanthoor pakuthies.

32. * **Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total amount of tax collected from the Kanthalloor and Keezhanthoor pakuthies ; and

* *Vide* Appendix I.—page 206.

† *Vide* Appendix II.—page 207.

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